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Financing of the United Nations Mission in Sierra Leone

Report of the Fifth Committee

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I. Introduction

1. At its 19th plenary meeting, on 20 September 2002, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the General Committee, decided to include in the agenda of its fifty-seventh session the item entitled "Financing of the United Nations Mission in Sierra Leone" and to allocate it to the Fifth Committee.

2. The Fifth Committee considered the item at its 30th and 37th meetings, on 6 and 13 December 2002. Statements and observations made in the course of the Committee's consideration of the item are reflected in the relevant summary records (A/C.5/57/SR.30 and 37).

3. For its consideration of the item, the Committee had before it a note by the Secretary-General on the financing arrangements for the United Nations Mission in Sierra Leone for the period from 1 July 2002 to 30 June 2003 (A/57/619) and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions (A/57/633).

II. Consideration of draft resolution A/C.5/57/L.40

4. At its 37th meeting, on 13 December, the Committee had before it a draft resolution entitled "Financing of the United Nations Mission in Sierra Leone" (A/C.5/57/L.40), which was submitted by the Chairman on the basis of informal consultations coordinated by the representative of Ethiopia, Rapporteur of the Committee.

5. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.5/57/L.40 without a vote (see para. 6).

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III. Recommendation of the Fifth Committee

6. The Fifth Committee recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of the following draft resolution:

Financing of the United Nations Mission in Sierra Leone

The General Assembly,

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General on the financing of the United Nations Mission in Sierra Leone[1] and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,[2]

Bearing in mind Security Council resolution 1270 (1999) of 22 October 1999 concerning the establishment of the United Nations Mission in Sierra Leone, and the subsequent resolutions by which the Council revised and extended the mandate of the Mission, the latest of which was resolution 1436 (2002) of 24 September 2002,

Recalling its resolution 53/29 of 20 November 1998 on the financing of the United Nations Observer Mission in Sierra Leone and subsequent resolutions on the financing of the United Nations Mission in Sierra Leone, the latest of which was resolution 56/251 B of 27 June 2002,

Mindful of the fact that it is essential to provide the Mission with sufficient financial resources to enable it to fulfil its responsibilities under the relevant resolutions of the Security Council,

1. *Endorses* the conclusions and recommendations contained in the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions;[2]

2. *Decides*, taking into account the amount of 532,469,200 United States dollars previously apportioned under the terms of General Assembly resolution 56/251 B, to apportion among Member States the additional amount of 90 million dollars at a monthly rate of 7,500,000 dollars for the period from 1 July 2002 to 30 June 2003, comprising 67,500,000 dollars for the period from 1 July 2002 to 31 March 2003 and 22,500,000 dollars for the period from 1 April to 30 June 2003, in accordance with the levels set out in General Assembly resolution 55/235 of 23 December 2000, as adjusted by the Assembly in its resolution 55/236 of 23 December 2000, and taking into account the scale of assessments for the years 2002 and 2003 as set out in its resolution 55/5 B of the same date, as adjusted by the Assembly in its resolution 57/__ of __ December 2002, subject to a decision of the Security Council to extend the mandate of the Mission;

3. *Decides also* that, in accordance with the provisions of its resolution 973 (X) of 15 December 1955, there shall be set off against the apportionment among Member States, as provided for in paragraph 2 above, their respective share in the Tax Equalization Fund of 326,400 dollars for the period from 1 July 2002 to 30 June 2003, at a monthly rate of 27,200 dollars, comprising 244,800 dollars for the period from 1 July 2002 to 31 March 2003 and 81,600 dollars for the period from 1 April to 30 June 2003, in addition to the estimated staff assessment income in the amount of

[1] A/57/619.
[2] A/57/633.

9,004,200 dollars previously approved under the terms of Assembly resolution 56/251 B;

4. *Decides further* to keep under review during its fifty-seventh session the item entitled "Financing of the United Nations Mission in Sierra Leone".